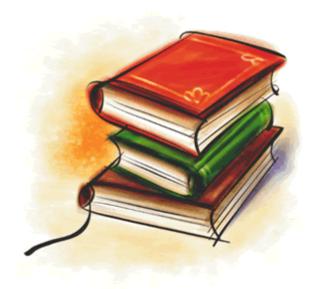
New Alternate Assessments 2007-2008 School Year

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Alternate Standards Reminder

The Alternate Academic Standards approved by the State Board of Education on May 22, 2006, replaced the functional standards. The Alternate Academic Standards are located at www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects or www.ade.az.gov/standards then select AIMS-A.

IEP teams should identify standards-based goals and objectives for students eligible to participate in alternate assessments using the Alternate Academic Standards at the student's enrolled grade level. The new Eligibility Determination Form is used by IEP teams to determine eligibility for participation in alternate assessments.



<u>Alternate Assessments</u> (Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards-Alternate, AIMS-A and Alternate State Achievement Test, ASAT))

The new AIMS-A and ASAT tests will measure student progress on enrolled grade level Alternate Academic Standards.

<u>AIMS-A</u> will have three tests (a Grade 3-5 AIMS-A/DPA test, a Grade 6-8 AIMS-A/DPA test, and a High School AIMS-A Test) each of which will include both performance and multiple choice items. Level I and Level II tests no longer exist. Data from the Parent Interview, Form 4, and the Activity-Based Performance Assessments, Forms 5 A-D and 3 A-D will no longer be collected. Teachers are encouraged to use the Activity-Based Performance tasks for instructional purposes as there will be similar content assessed on the AIMS-A.

<u>ASAT</u> will be administered in Grade 2 and 9 and includes performance items which will also be incorporated into the Grade 3-5 and Grade 6-8 AIMS-A/DPA consistent with previous assessment practices.

All performance items, which are similar to performance items rated by teachers in previous assessment years, will be scored using a new alternate assessment scoring rubric located at www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects or www.ade.az.gov/ess/specialprojects or www.ade.az.gov/standards then select **AIMS-A**.